

REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLACE

TO: TOWN DEAL BOARD

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NELSON TOWN DEAL PROGRESS UPDATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Town Deal Board on progress with Nelson Town Deal projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the progress update.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For information

PROJECT PROGRESS (for financial summaries please see the Finance Report)

1. REVITALISED NELSON

- 1.1 See separate report.

2. ACCESSIBLE NELSON

- 2.1 The Accessible Nelson project comprises Areas 4 and 6 of a wider programme of works aimed at enhancing Nelson's public realm, travel routes, infrastructure, and overall accessibility in an integrated and cohesive manner.
- 2.2 Works continue to progress on schedule, including the installation of a new roundabout at the Leeds Road/Scotland Road junction. LCC are still projecting that the Accessible Nelson works will complete in November 2026.
- 2.3 Liaison has taken place between PBC, Penbrook and LCC Highways around final completion of highway works covering Accessible Nelson and Pendle Rise redevelopment S278 works, which by necessity need to fit with the on-site construction timeline.

- 2.4 Much of the road surfacing and cycleway surfacing (which features a distinctive green asphalt finish and some of which has been laid) is scheduled for delivery and installation as a final consolidated operation across adjoining completed phases towards the end of the overall programme of works.
- 2.5 Concerns with the proposed new one-way system on Charles Street were discussed between councillors and LCC and it has been agreed to change this back to two-way traffic. LCC have put in place the change of direction of the one-way traffic on North Street and Forest Street, which seems to be working.

2.6 The project remains on target to deliver all outputs and outcomes.

3. ADVANCED DIGITAL SKILLS

- 3.1 The new Digital Skills Spoke in the ACE Centre opened on schedule at the end of February, with delivery of courses now underway.
- 3.2 The project remains on target to deliver all outputs and outcomes.
- 3.3 ELLG are keen supporters of improving car parking provision at the ACE Centre, to make it easier for students and delegates to attend courses which are longer than 2.5 hours.

4. BUSINESS RESILIENCE AND GROWTH

- 4.1 The project achieved all outputs and outcomes.

5. HEALTHY TOWNS – PARKS

- 5.1 The completion of the bridge improvement scheme in Victoria Park marked the successful conclusion of the Healthy Town Parks scheme.
- 5.2 The project achieved all outputs and outcomes.

6. HEALTHY TOWNS – WAVELENGTHS

- 6.1 The final works of the Wavelengths project include the resurfacing of the car park. This will now be completed after the school summer holidays, to minimise disruption to users.
- 6.2 The project remains on target to deliver all outputs and outcomes.

7. THIS IS NELSON

- 7.1 The final activities within the highly successful This Is Nelson programme took place at the end of June as part of the Festival of Culture.
- 7.2 The project achieved all outputs and outcomes.

8. YES HUB

- 8.1 Following successful completion of the YES Hub project, where all outputs and outcomes were achieved, delivery is ongoing with new funding from Pride in Place Nelson and DWP.

GENERAL UPDATES

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- 9.1 The PBC Communications Team has been working with project leads to publish positive stories to celebrate the completed projects and to provide updates on the on-going projects.

10. RESOURCES

- 10.1 RAISE Partnership Ltd completed their tenure as Town Deal Programme Managers at the end of June 2026, after which most of these functions passed to PBC Officers. A full and comprehensive handover has been implemented.
- 10.2 RAISE continues to have a Programme Management role for Pendle Rise.